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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1963



MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1963

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home	
Population .	16,310
Number of Inhabited Houses	5,076
Rateable Value	£618,740
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£2,549

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

TABLE showing the Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years :-

1954	14,350	1959	14,870
1955	14,470	1960	15,090
1956	14,520	1961	15,900
1957	14,860	1962	15,980
1958	14,860	1963	16,310

Males. Females. Totals

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births:</u> Legitimate	161	155	316
Illegitimate	7	8	15
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	168	163	331
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<u>Still Births:</u> Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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	-	2	2
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Birth Rate1963

Per 1,000 Population 19.9
 For England and Wales 18.2

TABLE showing the changes in the total live births
 and in the birth rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Live Births	Birth Rates per 1,000 population		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1954	234	16.0	14.51	15.2
1955	242	16.4	14.78	15.0
1956	247	16.7	15.39	15.7
1957	260	17.1	16.49	16.1
1958	234	15.4	16.70	16.4
1959	259	17.1	17.42	16.5
1960	278	18.1	17.76	17.1
1961	296	17.9	18.27	17.4
1962	302	18.1	18.86	18.0
1963	331	19.9	18.67	18.2

DEATHSMales. Females. Totals.

Number of Deaths 102 93 195

Death Rate1963

Per 1,000 Population 10.0
 For England and Wales 12.2

TABLE showing changes in the total number of deaths and
 in death rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Deaths	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1954	142	10.3	10.29	11.3
1955	135	9.7	10.59	11.7
1956	144	11.2	10.29	11.7
1957	152	11.4	10.06	11.5
1958	160	11.2	10.09	11.7
1959	169	11.5	10.20	11.6
1960	205	13.6	10.06	11.5
1961	178	10.2	10.38	12.0
1962	182	10.9	10.19	11.9
1963	195	10.0	10.37	12.2

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	3	6	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age</u>			
Legitimate	2	6	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of Infants under One Week of Age</u>			
Legitimate	2	6	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-

	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births	27.2
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	20.9

TABLE showing deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 live birth		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1954	9	38.5	28.1	25.5
1955	7	28.9	22.5	24.9
1956	9	36.4	23.17	23.8
1957	6	23.1	23.87	23.0
1958	6	25.6	17.27	22.5
1959	8	30.9	17.97	22.0
1960	8	28.8	19.36	21.7
1961	10	33.8	15.72	21.4
1962	7	23.2	17.21	20.7
1963	9	27.2	16.82	20.9

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-
2. Other Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases . .	-	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	4	3
11. Lungs & Bronchus	9	1
12. Breast	-	2
13. Uterus	-	2
14. Other sites	7	5
15. Leukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	14	18
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	21	12
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1
20. Other Heart Diseases	12	11
21. Other Circulatory Disease	8	7
22. Influenza	-	2
23. Pneumonia	3	1
24. Bronchitis	3	3
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System . . .	2	-
26. Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
30. Prenancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	1	-
32. Other Diseases	12	21
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1
34. All Other Accidents	3	2
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
	<u>102</u>	<u>93</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.(Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

P.F. Raymond.

Appointed Junior Assistant (trainee) on 1st. January, 1960.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Nose and Throat swabs	4
Faeces and Urine	200
Blood	5
Sputa	57
Vaginal and Cervical swabs	1
Water	8
Ice-Cream	5
Food	6
Misc.	3
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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1963

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases Notified</u>
Dysentery	31
Measles	49
Puerperal pyrexia	2
Scarlet fever	4
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AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	TOTAL
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	11	18	1	1	-	-	-	31
Measles.	1	5	4	10	7	21	-	-	1	-	-	-	49
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Scarlet fever.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	4
	1	5	4	10	7	33	19	3	4	-	-	-	86

Diphtheria. Once again no case of this disease was notified during the year. The last case occurred over seventeen years ago.

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1963, 286 children received primary immunisation against diphtheria and 132 children were given a 'booster dose'.

Dysentery. 30 of the 31 notified cases were amongst the boarders at one school.

Tuberculosis.

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 "	1	3	-	1
45 - 64 "	3	-	1	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	3	1	1

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December, 1963.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Pulmonary	46	33
Non-Pulmonary	7	11
	<u>53</u>	<u>44</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The water undertaking is under the control of the City of Leicester, and the supply has been satisfactory as regards quantity and quality.

Eight samples of mains water supplies taken for bacteriological examination were reported as satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Further extensions of the sewage disposal works are under consideration in order to deal with the expansion of the town and increased trade effluents.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Cleansing Department is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the controlled tip, and a regular weekly collection of house and trade refuse is in operation.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report :-

Total number of complaints received	185
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with . .	210

INSPECTIONS AND REVISITS

Animal keeping	14
Bakehouses	10
Dairies	10
Drainage works	45
Dwellinghouses	380
Infectious diseases inquiries	36
Caravans	6
Food premises	45
Rodent control	190
Shops	25
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	580
Smoke control	6
Factories and workplaces	20
Other inspections	40

1,407

NOTICESHousing. Public Health.Preliminary

Outstanding on 1st. January . . .	-	-
Issued during the year	10	6
Complied with during the year . .	10	6
Outstanding at 31st. December . .	-	-

Statutory

Outstanding on 1st. January . . .	4	4
Issued during the year	7	-
Complied with during the year . .	4	4
Outstanding at 31st. December . .	7	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.(a) Inspection for purposes of provision as to health:

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register.</u>	<u>Inspec-</u> <u>tions.</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Owners</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
(I) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	20	6	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	85	14	-	-
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	4	4	-	-
	<u>109</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Cases in which Defects were found:

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred by</u> <u>H.M. Inspector.</u>
Want of Cleanliness . .	2	2	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	2	2	1
(3) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

Publicly Owned.

One children's open air paddling pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT

No. of premises licensed 2

No contraventions found.

RODENT CONTROL:

74 minor rats or mice infestations reported or discovered have been dealt with, and surveys carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

MOVEABLE DWELLING:

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

No new site licences were issued during the year.

There is one licensed site for a maximum of 20 vans and 3 individual vans which are subject to temporary permission.

Several vans have been moved from unlicensed sites.

HOUSING:

HOUSING IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

<u>In Clearance Areas.</u>	<u>HOUSES DEMOLISHED</u>	<u>DISPLACED PERSONS</u>	<u>DURING YEAR FAMILIES</u>
Houses unfit for human habitation	8	29	9
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc..	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas.</u>			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	4	-	-
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED. NIL

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT & HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
After informal action by local authority.	11	-
After formal notice under (a) Public Health Act	4	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957) NIL

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	<u>Number of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants</u>
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

Rent Act, 1957. Certificates of Disrepair.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair, or for the cancellation of Certificates, were received during the year.

New Houses:

	<u>By Local Authority</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise</u>
Number of houses completed during the year	98	223
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year . . .	18	113
Total Number of Post-War Houses completed	1,079	1,233

Occupied Houses:

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District	5,076
Number of Council Houses occupied	1,308

Improvement Grants. Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958.

(1)	No. of applications for grants received during the year	10
	(a) from owner/occupiers	5
	(b) from owners of rented property	5
(2)	No. of applications approved	10
(3)	No. of applications refused	-

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

(1)	No. of applications received for standard grants from :- (a) Owner/occupiers	7
	(b) Owners of rented property	16
(2)	No. of applications approved	23
(3)	No. of properties improved during the year	21

Housing Application:

Details of applications on the Register at 31st. December, 1963.

Date of Application	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	Totals
Residing in the Urban District	7	4	11	12	34	68
Residing outside the District	8	6	6	9	53	82
	15	10	17	21	87	150

Applications for elderly peoples dwelling, small accommodation and bungalow type :-

For couples	34		
For single person	64	Total	98.

In order to make the best use of available housing accommodation, including the relief of overcrowding, 26 transfers and 12 exchanges of houses by council house tenants were approved.

Of 32 applications from tenants for permission to take in lodgers 29 were approved.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors

	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Dairies	4	6
Distributors only .	3	4

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail	NIL
(b) Manufacture only	NIL
(c) Retail only	55

Inspection of the registered premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice cream were made during the year, and were found satisfactory. Most of the ice cream is now sold ready packed.

5 samples of ice cream were all satisfactory.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning have been notified during the year.

Meat and Other Foods

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, which came into operation on 1st. October, 1963, require that all home-killed meat is inspected in accordance with the standard procedures given in the Regulations, and all meat passed as fit for human consumption must be marked by the authorised inspector's identifying mark.

Number of slaughterhouses in area	1
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected . . .	14,721
Number of visits to slaughterhouse	580
Number of knackers yards in area	1
Number of visits to knackers yards	5
Number of licensed slaughtermen	18
Licences issued during the year:	
(a) new licences	1
(b) renewals	17

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	1,714	110	94	6,701	6,102	14,721
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						Wt. in lbs.
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	2	6	5	8	2,458
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	224	29	1	18	493	4,433
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	13.1%	28.2%	7.4%	0.3%	8.2%	6,891
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	6	107
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.06%	-	-	-	0.10%	107
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total weight in lbs. 6,998

3 tons. 2 cwts. 54 lbs. of meat was condemned during the year,
compared with 3 tons. 4 cwts. 72 lbs. last year.

	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.	12
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	35

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily
surrendered during the year :-

447 tins and jars of various foods.

No. of certificates issued 74

We have the honour to be
Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG

Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON

Chief Public Health Inspector.

